

## REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated December 19, 2008 which this Reply is filed within the one month shortened statutory period for reply. Claims 1-20 were pending in the application and the Examiner states that the claims are subject to restriction action and/or election requirement. Applicants cancel claims 11-19. No new matter is added in this Reply. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

The Examiner asserts a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 requiring restriction of the application as follows:

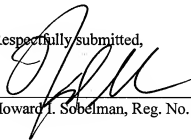
- I: Claims 1-10 and 20, drawn to method for generating account statements for batched printing, classified in class 705, subclass 41.
- II: Claims 11-19, drawn to computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions, classified in class 705, subclass 35.

Applicant hereby elects Invention I, consisting of Claims 1 – 10 and 20, for prosecution in this application. Applicant has selected Invention I in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's foundation for the Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, the foregoing election is made without waiver, estoppel or without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of canceled claims 11 - 19.

The foregoing amendments conforms this application to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated December 19, 2008. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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